THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Till date law has not permitted euthanasia and application for the same cannot be entertained.

New mining policy

631. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new mining policy aimed at attracting domestic and foreign investment to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh crore;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is in touch with the Planning Commission to prepare the inputs for the new policy;

(c) if so, by when the new policy is likely to be framed and announced; and

(d) the main feature thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has forwarded a report of the High Level Committee set up to consider review of the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the sector. The Report has been received on 20.7.2006 and is under consideration.

Mining of iron-ore in Surajgarh

†632. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications have been received for mining of iron-ore deposits in Surajgarh near Garhchiroli- Chandrapur district of Maharashtra;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.